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FOREWORD

Dear everyone,

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. Whilst it may not be the start to 2021 we'd all hoped for, it's incredible to see Belgravia's resilient community spirit come through yet again in what continues to be a challenging time.

We continue to do everything we can to support Belgravia. This includes providing rent support to many independent retailers who are not able to open as normal, to focusing our effort where it's needed most. I know many of you are keen to help too. As well as shopping locally for everyday items, you can support local businesses by making the most of their click & collect or home-delivery services. Visit mayfairandbelgravia.com for a list of shops and restaurants offering click & collect or deliveries near you.

It's been inspiring to see so many local initiatives to support the community. The Berkeley hotel has once again been fuelling the frontline by providing hot food and drinks for London's key workers and Age UK Westminster is continuing to support the borough's older residents, through its telephone-befriending and personal grocery services. If you or any of the organisations you know that are working hard to support others in the neighbourhood need support through these challenging times, please let us know and we'll do our best.

With many people spending Christmas in the city, we were pleased to see so many of you enjoying the lights in Halkin Arcade and Motcomb Street. The festive decorations may be down, but you might have noticed some interesting installations and murals popping up around the neighbourhood.

These are part of 'Wander Art', a walking trail between Mayfair and Belgravia that features pieces from world-renowned artists, including Craig and Karl (@craigandKarl) whose bright flower sculpture will be in Eccleston Yards throughout 2021. Visit mayfairandbelgravia.com/wander-art to see which nearby artwork to



visit when you're next exercising outdoors.

We are also delighted to still be welcoming new businesses to the area, including fresh produce and deli store, Bayley & Sage, and new wine bar from the Lunar Pub Company, The Ganymede, which will be opening its doors on Ebury Street in the Spring.

Wishing you all health and happiness for the months ahead.

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Above: Paul O'Grady

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The
Pantechicon
kiosk

Belgravia. The team has also launched Sachi Yatai at The Kiosk in Halkin Arcade. This outdoor, takeaway concept sets the scene for a culinary tour of Japanese sweet and savoury street foods, paying homage to the traditional Yatai food carts seen in cities throughout Japan. Please take a look at the website for future opening times, pantechicon.com

For men in search of clothing with character, **New & Lingwood** has opened a neighbourhood

the Halkin Arcade. This intimate shop serves world-class Japanese whiskies and spirits, so you can get your fix of Hakashu, Yamazaki or Nikka in

RETAIL NEWS

Motcomb Street

We are excited to announce that **Harrys of London**, a contemporary British footwear brand, has opened its flagship store at 14 Motcomb Street alongside its other stores in Grafton Street and Ham Yard Village. All of its shoes are handmade in Italy, combining the finest materials and its signature Technogel 3D innersole. Bestsellers include the Edward and Downing loafers and Leather Tom Sneakers. harrysoflondon.com

Following the successful launch of **The Pantechicon** on Motcomb Street, its most recent openings include Sakaya, a boutique Japanese bar and bottle shop curated by its own 'Sake Samurai', Natsuki Kikuya. Sakaya is a hidden gem tucked into the archway that leads from Motcomb Street to

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Newsom's Yard

Having started work in August last year, construction is progressing as planned on the Newsom's Yard development in the heart of the Pimlico Road Design District.

The scheme will deliver seven new retail units around a public space for pop ups and events, alongside nine homes at upper levels and is due to complete in the summer of 2022. You may have seen that the hoarding has now been erected along Pimlico



Road, having collaborated with Fermoie on the design which we hope you agree brings colour and interest.

We are now in the demolition phase of the project before moving to the groundwork and substructure works in the early spring.

Thank you for your ongoing patience with the works. If you have any queries please contact NY@grosvenor.com

Cundy Street Quarter

We are continuing to progress with our proposals for the Cundy Street Quarter and hope to be heard at a planning committee early this year. We will keep you updated of progress through our regular newsletter and our website cundystreetquarter.co.uk

Please feel free to contact us directly by email, cundystreet@grosvenor.com.

forward to welcoming it to Pimlico Road.

We are delighted to announce that **Sinclair Till** is moving into 72 Pimlico Road. The brand has been one of the UK's leading flooring specialists since 1986 with showrooms in Battersea and Notting Hill. We are excited about its arrival.

Rose Uniacke is an interior designer, a designer of furniture and lighting, and a dealer in both antiques and pieces by well-known

designers. Rose, herself, has been dubbed 'The Queen of Serene' by the *Sunday Times* and we are delighted to welcome her brand to 103 Pimlico Road.

Founded by British designers, Joanna Bibby and Harriet Maxwell Macdonald in 1996, **Ochre** designs beautiful furniture, lighting and accessories for the interior with an emphasis on high-quality material and craftsmanship. With showrooms in London and New York, the brand is

Ebury Street



Originating from Wimbledon Village in 1997, we are really excited to be welcoming **Bayley & Sage** to 141 Ebury Street this spring. The brand offers premium-quality deli goods, cheese, wine, artisanal products and more. We look forward to its arrival!

From the Lunar Pub Company, **The Ganymede** is coming to 139 Ebury Street in April. This upmarket bar and dining room is the brainchild of Hubert Beatson-Hird and Oliver Marlowe, offering modern-European cuisine cooked by Michelin-trained chefs in a stylish setting.

pop-up at 13 Lowndes Street. Founded in Eton in 1865 by Elisabeth New and Samuel Lingwood, the brand is the perfect gentlemen's outfitter, offering English ready-to-wear and made-to-measure tailoring, loungewear, accessories and shoes. Its luxurious silk dressing gowns are particularly exceptional. newandlingwood.com

Pimlico Road

There has been a flurry of activity on Pimlico Road.

BONADEA is moving into 20 Pimlico Road; the brand offers a curated selection of elegant, intricate tableware and accent pieces that capture the imagination. With a commitment to exclusive design, high quality and the finest craftsmanship, we look



opening at 22 Pimlico Road in the spring alongside its current space at 24 Pimlico Road.

Eccleston Yards

The Eccleston Yards Sunday Market hopes to resume on March 7. Join us each Sunday from 11am to 5pm. Expect an array of sellers from home, art, jewellery, plants and more with live music from noon. Follow our Instagram for more details, including the sellers each week @Eccleston Yards

Eccleston Street

Independent bookshop, **Belgravia Books** will be relocating from 59 Ebury Street to 12 Eccleston Street this spring. It is exciting to welcome the store on to one of our main retail streets in Belgravia.

Looking for literary inspiration to see you



BAILEY'S FIRST FORAY INTO FASHION

This is the photograph that arguably launched the career of legendary photographer David Bailey.

It was the first successful fashion photograph by Bailey (as he is now known) and captures model and Belgravia resident, Paulene Stone, crouching next to a squirrel. It was taken in 1960 and ran in the *Daily Express* (Paulene keeps a copy in her upstairs bathroom now).

"I think that it is the most ludicrous picture I have ever taken – a girl kneeling on the floor talking to a squirrel – yet it turned out to be very popular and everyone loved it," Bailey told us recently. "Terence Donovan asked me if I did it on purpose and I told him "that's not an accident"!

Bailey's autobiography, Look Again, is out now.

COUNCILLORS

News and views from your Knightsbridge and Belgravia ward councillors

Happy New Year to all *Belgravia* magazine readers from your local councillors. After what can only be described as an extremely challenging year, we are very much hoping 2021 will be infinitely better for everyone. This hope and optimism rests first and foremost with a speedy and efficient rollout of the approved vaccines – initially to the most clinically-vulnerable in society and then to the public at large. There is nothing else that can be offered to us, despite the excellent leadership and generous financial packages that have been given by both central and local government that will truly instil certainty and hope for a better future.

Until then, both the residents and businesses of Belgravia have had to endure confusion, uncertainty and a stop-start way of living – in and out of tiers, restrictions and lockdowns. During this time, Westminster City Council has been there every step of the way for those they serve. Westminster Connects has supported more than 6,000 residents and continues to reach out and offer support to those who are vulnerable. And it has worked the other way round too – with Westminster councillors reaching out to residents through an organised phone campaign. Since last March, councillors have made nearly 16,000 calls and made direct contact with over 4,500 residents, many of whom are isolated and lonely. Most were extremely appreciative for the calls and councillors were able to listen to residents' concerns and, where appropriate, direct them to Westminster Connects. Westminster City Council was at the forefront of London councils in providing help to our city's businesses and, in particular, the hospitality sector. Summer and winter hospitality schemes allowed them to trade outside to boost dining numbers curtailed by the need to be socially distanced inside. This enabled traders to keep their businesses going.

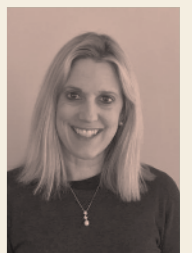
This support provided by the council will be needed as we come out of restrictions – hopefully in the spring – and things begin to open up and the devastation of what this pandemic has done becomes apparent and we count the cost. We will all need help getting back up and running again – but it will be done. There are better times ahead and we are here to help. Please do call on us.

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through lockdown? Manager Andy Barr sent *Belgravia* magazine four of his current recommendations: *The Other Bennet Sister* by Janice Hadlow, *Square Haunting* by Francesca Wade, *Kim and Jim*:

Philby and Angleton, Friends and Enemies in the Cold War and *Three Rival Sisters* by Marie-Louise Gagneur.

Belgravia Books is fulfilling orders throughout the current lockdown.

Visit belgraviabooks.com

New grocery delivery service

Age UK Westminster has launched a personal grocery service for those that need help with their weekly shop. Its team of dedicated volunteers is on hand to collect and deliver orders placed through Waitrose's online shop. Westminster residents over 50 who are not already receiving similar support can apply for the service by contacting the team

by calling 020 3004 5610 or emailing shopping@ageukwestminster.org.uk.

Wander Art

Belgravia locals looking to immerse themselves in culture can now discover our new outdoor gallery trail, Wander Art. The gallery, curated by Alter-Projects, features 12 artworks by international and London-based artists and will remain on display across Mayfair and Belgravia until the summer.



To find out more, visit Mayfairandbelgravia.com/wander-art



TIME PIECES

Jewellery designer Carolina Bucci, who opened her Motcomb Street store in 2007, has launched a new collection in collaboration with heritage watchmaking manufacturer Audemars Piguet.

K.I.S.S (Keep It Super Simple) is a gold bracelet and necklace collection from the Italian designer that takes inspiration from the Swiss company's mechanical watches.

Available at carolinabucci.com



Animal art

Mindful art school MasterPeace has launched a new watercolour masterclass series.

The four-week virtual programme is taught by artist Harriet Gillett, via Zoom, and each week studies a different animal (orangutan, rhino, giraffe and fish), while learning a core pillar of working with watercolour.

Those quick to sign up will receive a free watercolour art kit, delivered to their door, worth £20.

The course by the Eccleston Yards studio will begin on February 16.

To sign up, visit masterpeace.studio

Cubitt classics at home

Cubitt House has relaunched its 'heat at home' kits so you can enjoy a classic Sunday roast or a gastropub-style burger in the comfort of your own home.

Pre-prepared kits are chilled with instructions and include the pub's much-loved pies, dry-aged burgers and Sunday roast kits with a joint of grass-fed British sirloin or Castlemead chicken with stuffing, all ready for the oven.

Delivery within a six-mile radius or collection available from the Cubitt House 'hub' at The Orange, 37-39 Pimlico Road.

Visit Cubitthouseathome.co.uk



SCAM ALERT

Residents in Belgravia are being warned to look out for a scam circulating about the Covid-19 vaccination programme.

PC Dave Alford, based at Belgravia Police Station, said the Met Police had been "alerted to a highly believable scam which starts with a text and advises the user that they are eligible to apply for the vaccine and to click on a link in the text message".

It then asks for details, including name, address, date of birth, proof of address and card payment details. "With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue as fraudsters continue to take advantage of the rollout," said Dave.

